

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1, please add:

--Field of Invention--

Before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6, please add:

--Background of Invention--

Before the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 26, please add:

--Summary of Invention--

Before the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 24, please add:

--Brief Description of the Drawings--

Before the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 33, please add:

--Detailed Description—

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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-- A scrambling unit for a digital audiovisual transmission system. The scrambling unit includes an input for receiving an assembled transport packet stream from a physically separate multiplexer, a scrambling device for scrambling the received transport stream according to a randomizing control word and an output for sending the scrambled transport stream to a transmitter means for subsequent transmission, so as to permit the scrambling of the transport packet stream by the scrambling unit independently of the multiplexer operations.--